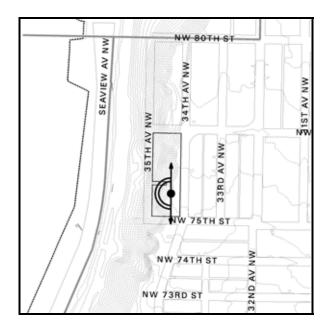
## **Sunset Hill Viewpoint**

NW 77<sup>th</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> NW



#### LOCATION AND VIEWPOINT CATEGORY

The park is located in the Sunset Hill neighborhood and offers panoramic vies of the Olympic Mountains and Puget Sound. Currently, 90% of the intended views exist. Park property and Burlington Northern property extends to the west. Private property borders the north and south sides of the park.

#### SUMMARY OF EXISTING CONDITIONS

Steep slopes of 50% and greater dominate this site. Escarpments along 10-15% of the crest of the slope indicate previous slide activity. The slope is dominated by Alders, Big Leaf Maple and Douglas Fir with the presence of Himalayan blackberry, Scotch Broom, and Holodiscus and tree saplings inhabit the understory.

#### MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTIONS

A. MAINTENANCE FOR EXISTING CONDITIONS

<u>Category 2 – Tree Pruning and Invasive Weed Removal</u>

Procedures:

- 1. Tree removal and pruning using ANSI 300 standards
- 2. Invasive weed removal along top of slope
- 3. Erosion control mats at top of slope
- 4. Plant low hedges along Transition Zone 2
- 5. Mulch eroded slopes and new plantings
- 6. Provide irrigation

#### B. GENERAL MAINTENANCE PRACTICES

Three-year cycle maintenance frequency will require:

- physical and/or chemical removal of weeds
- Crown management of Big Leaf Maples and Alders
- Managing exposed soil with additional planting, erosion control matting and mulching
- Control of adjacent vegetation

- Removal of dead, declining and diseased trees
- Pruning to prohibit view obstruction using ANSI 300 standards

View management locations:

Zone 2 - Transition area at the crest of the slope

Zone 3 - Hillside

### **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### Priority 2

Restoring intended views and implementing tree pruning and weed removal is a secondary priority due the degree of intended view currently existing. Erosion of the crest of the slope justifies the restoration of Zone 2 and the planting of protective hedges.

#### **Phasing**

Phase 1 - Remove trees and prune Phase 2 - Eradicate invasive weeds

Cover slopes with erosion control mat

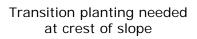
Plant layered vegetation Provide temporary irrigation

Phase 3 - Plant Zone 2 transition hedge at top of slope

# **Sunset Hill Viewpoint**



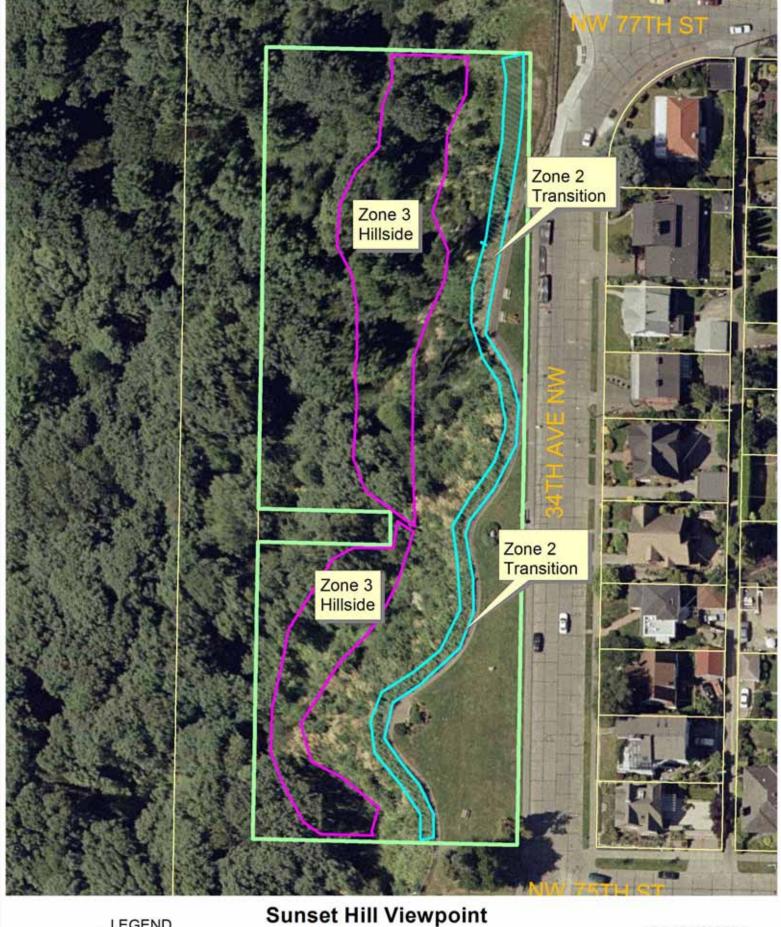
View southwest across Puget Sound to Olympics and Shilshole Marina







View north across Puget Sound to Olympics.



# LEGEND



## LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT ZONES

Zone 1 - Developed Park Landscape

Zone 2 - Transition Zone 3 - Hillside

Park Boundary Parcel Boundary 1:900

0 25 50 75 Feet



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